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greatest of those of *Denmark*, in which *Copenhagen* stands: *Fion* commonly *Fynen*, taking its name of its beauty, and for what it yields, ninety Islands being comprehended under it, lying Southward, and most habitable; *Tassing*, or *Tossing*, a chief one among others; *Aroe* with divers Islands near it; Also the Island of *Huene*, in which is the Castle of *Uranibourg*, full of Mathematicall instruments, very admirable and sure. The little Isle *Malmogie*, but very good. *Norway*, (which is subject also to the King of *Denmark*, though once a flourishing Realm) and borders on *Denmark* upon the South; upon the North, *Lapland*; its Metropolis was in old time called *Trondon*, now *Trundheim*, and reduced to a Burrough, the chief Town now of traffique, and where the Governour and Bishop remain, is *Berg*, or *Bergue*. *Iceland* (which some taking for *Thule*, are contradicted by divers others) is situate not under the first *Meridian*, but eight degrees beyond it; It's a hundred *Germane* leagues long, and 65 broad, whose inhabitants have Mountains instead of Towns, exceedingly cold, and mostly unmanured, especially toward the North; whose vehement winds suffer nought to grow. It's frozen eight Moneths, yet many places full of heat and fire underground, by an Antiperistasis of cold stopping the pores of the Earth. *Jutia* sends much Cattle, Butter, Cheese, Tallow, Hides, and many Horses into other parts, making much money of Fish, especially Herrings. *Holsatia* sends forth many Horses. *Fionia* makes great profit of Fish, and Wheat, chiefly Rye and Barley, also they send forth many Horses, and Oxen. *Scania* vents store of Fish, Silver, Copper, and Lead; *Gothland*, much Wheat, Cheese, Butter, Skins, Firre-Trees for Masts, and much Lime. *Norway* hath much money for the Fish Berg, very delicate; also for Cod, goodly skins, Butter, Tallow, Hides, fat of Whales, Tarre, Rafters, Masts, and boards. The King of *Denmark* maintains *Luthers* Doctrine throughout his Dominions, for *Christiern* the second, giving passage thereto into *Swethland*, caused it to be dispersed over all *Denmark*, being soon discovered after his return from *Sueden*, to be a *Lutheran*; but was expelled by his Subjects, with his Wife and three Children in 1523. Yet *Christiern* who succeeded him, marrying the Duke of *Saxonies* Sister, *Luther's* favourer, gave himself wholly to root out the *Romish* Religion, which he easily effected.

THE Realm of *SWEDEN*, (belonging formerly to *Sigismond* King of *Poland*, having *Norway* for its bounds on the West, whose chief City is *Stockholm*) comprehends the Dutchy of *Finland*, *Gothland*, *Boddia*, or *Bothnia*, a part of *Lapland*, *Sricfinia*, a part of *Corelia*, the Islands *Alandes*, and some others of small esteem, so that those that have gone the length and breadth of *Sweden*, hold it much greater then all *Italy* and *France*, *Lapland*, and *Finland* being added. *Sweden* it self is the most fertile Province of all those of the North, bearing great store of grain; there is much Honey, Silver, Copper, Lead, Steel, and Iron, abounding wonderfully

fully in fish; seldome any beggars seen among them. Yet in many places (through the cragginess of the Mountains, moistness, and moorishness, it is more barren. The Ayre is commonly pure, nor the cold so violent as some perswade themselves; they live (most commonly) long, attaining an hundred and thirty, and an hundred and forty years, especially on the Mountains, and places more toward the Northern winds. They take store of very great Bugles. *Gothland* abounds in Corn, Cattle, pasture, horses, Fish, Lead, Iron, and Silver, Latten, and in one place good Iron. *Finland* is more pleasing then *Sweden*, and yields more Corn, being mostly in plains. *Bothnia* is not very fruitful, having many beasts with excellent skins, and much Fish. *Ispland* hath no Corn, but White Bears, and Ermines: Raine-Deer, for Horses, as big as a Mule; who will draw little Carts an hundred and fifty Miles in a day and night: they have night three Moneths together in winter, with a few hours little light. King *Gustave* brought *Luthers* Doctrine into *Sweden*, seizing upon what goods of the Church he pleased. Yet *Calvinism* was received by *Charls* his third son, who was Duke of *Vermeland*, *Sudermania*, and *Nericia*: *Henry*, *Gustaves* successour, opposed not himself. *John* his brother succeeding him, was of another opinion, but durst not discover himself. Yet his Wife *Katherine* the King of *Polands* daughter, made him observe many Catholique customes. Yea the Queen (who had free exercise of her Religion) obtained some Jesuites for the people, in credit till her death, in one thousand five hundred eighty three. But they being soon after expelled, few remain of the Romish Religion. *Charls* uncle to *Sigismund*, *John*, and *Katherine's* son, usurping his Nephews Realm of *Sweden*, wholly advanced *Calvin's* Doctrine; yet there are many of the *Lutheran's* remaining.

MUSCOVY (lying in the midst of *Russia* the White) from whence all the Estates of this Empire draw their name, and are confined by *Lithuania* on the South, *Livonia* and *Finland* on the West; its chief City as of the whole Empire is called *Muskova* or *Mosko*, whose houses are most of wood; it's great, but very myrie. The length of this Empire is 3000 miles, the breadth 1500; the longest day in the most Southerly part being but 16 hours and a half; but in the most Northerly 24 hours and a half; it's part in *Europe*, part in *Asia*. So that considering what it contains, he might have a higher style than they commonly give him, which is, The great Duke or *Knez* of *Muscovie*: yet when they are sufficiently informed of the Countrie's yielding him obedience, they term him Emperour, and give him as much honour as ever was done to any Prince. The Provinces besides *Muscovia* it self; are the Duchy of *Volodimer*, and *Base Novograd*, in which are two Towns of wood, of the same names: the Province of *Rezan*, the Duchy of *Vorotina*; the Province of *Severe*, very great, containing many Towns: the Province of *Smolensko*, (situate on the

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